



JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

JICM-1205

25 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1. In your memorandum of 27 June 1950 addressed to the Directors of the Service intelligence agencies you state that in order to perform your statutory duties in regard to the production of national intelligence estimates "it is important for this Agency to receive copies of all communications, both incoming and outgoing, which contain information of: (1) the strength, composition, disposition and movements of United States forces abroad (composition and disposition in terms of major elements only) and (2) United States plans, policies, operations, activities and actions affecting the situation in foreign areas. In addition, it would be of material assistance to this Agency to receive copies of all communications which transmit the views of key United States military officials concerning foreign area situations, whether such officials be stationed at home or abroad."

2. The Service intelligence agencies are currently complying with National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 3 which requires exchange of intelligence information between the governmental intelligence agencies. However, little of the material requested comes within the definition of "intelligence", as commonly used. As a consequence, it is largely unavailable to the military intelligence agencies and very little of it is originated by them. Therefore, it is believed that, in general, the military intelligence agencies are not competent either to determine, or to effect a proper dissemination of the information requested.


3. Representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency have been given access to the Joint Staff Situation Room and to the daily Washington-Tokyo teletype conferences. These two sources should, it is believed, supply, to the maximum practical extent, the requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency for operational information of United States forces as listed in paragraph 2 (1) of your letter.

JCS review(s) completed.

4. As regards information pertaining to U.S. plans, policies, etc., as listed in paragraph 2 (2) of your letter, this list is of such breadth and sensitivity that it requires the application of the "need-to-know" principle. It is considered entirely impracticable to meet such a blanket request. Specific requests for information may, however, be submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5. The foregoing meets with the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FOR THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:



C. R. PECK  
Secretary

cc: JIC Members

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27 JUL 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE  
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS,  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Statement of Requirements for Operational  
Communications

- REFERENCE:
- (a) Circular memorandum from the DCI to the Intelligence Directors of the Military Departments dated 8 May 1950, subject: Free Flow of Operational Information to CIA.
  - (b) Memorandum from the Deputy A. C. of S., G-4, Department of the Army, to the DCI dated 10 May 1950, subject same as Reference (a).
  - (c) Memorandum from the Director of Naval Intelligence to the DCI dated 23 May 1950, subject same as Reference (a).
  - (d) Memorandum from the Executive Officer to the Director of Intelligence, U.S. Air Force, to the DCI, dated 16 June 1950, subject same as Reference (a).

1. This statement of requirements is submitted as contemplated in the references for the information of persons in your agencies responsible for routing communications to the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency is responsible for the production of national intelligence estimates. Any such estimate should be based on a complete knowledge of the situation in the foreign area under consideration. Any area situation is composed of both an indigenous element and a world element comprising those forces which affect directly or indirectly the indigenous element. Due to the position of the United States in world affairs, a very important part of the world element of any area situation is the United States influence. For this reason it is important that this Agency receive copies of all communications, both incoming and outgoing, which contain information of: (1) the strength, composition, disposition, and movements of United States forces abroad (composition and disposition in terms of major elements only), and (2) United States plans, policies, operations, activities, and actions affecting the situation in foreign areas. In addition, it would be of

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material assistance to this Agency to receive copies of all communications which transmit the views of key United States military officials concerning foreign area situations, whether such officials be stationed at home or abroad.

3. The intent of the foregoing is to describe the type of information, not now received, which this Agency is desirous of receiving in the future. The Agency desires to continue receiving the material you already transmit, which is generally in the category of so-called "intelligence information."

4. The general concept imparted by this memorandum will be supplemented from time to time by specific statements of requirements concerning particular events, developments, etc.

5. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

**Sign**

**R. H. MULLENBERRY**  
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Director of Central Intelligence

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3a Acting Exec.		24 Oct
3d AD, OCS		1 Oct
4 ASD/OCE		Oct
5 ASD/OSI		6 Oct
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